



Homestead Youth Baseball, Inc.

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct is intended to provide standards of ethical conduct that can be applied to any baseball team and organization. Whether or not a coach has violated the Code does not by itself determine whether a contract or agreement is enforceable or whether other legal consequences occur.

Baseball is a game played at numerous levels including professional, collegiate, interscholastic, community, and recreational from the local to international levels of competition. The function of all players, coaches, umpires, officials and workers is to abide by only the highest level of sportsmanship and conduct.

The coach and/or the parents must be aware that they have tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the development of the baseball player, and thus, shall never place the value of winning above instilling the highest desirable ideals of character. The coach and/or the parents must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the profession.

“Bench jockeying” will not be allowed. Coaches, parents and umpires are to prohibit bench jockeying, which would include personal and malicious remarks, cursing and obscene language towards opponents, umpires or spectators.

The coach and/or the parents shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and under no circumstances should authorize their use.

The coach and/or the parents shall not use alcohol or tobacco products when in contact with players.

The coach and/or the parents shall be thoroughly acquainted with baseball rules and is responsible for their interpretation to team members. The spirit and letter of rules should be regarded as mutual agreements. The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules. Players should be taught to respect the dignity of the game, umpires and opponents.

Coaches and/or parents should confine their discussion to the rules and not challenge umpire decisions involving judgment.

Coaches and/or parents shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their athletes and fellow spectators. Before and after contests, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings in order to set the correct tone for the game.

Contest umpires will be treated with respect and support by the coach and/or the parents. The coach and/or the parents shall not indulge in conduct which will incite players or fellow spectators against the umpires. Public criticism of umpires or players is unethical.

Coaches and/or parents should expect from the umpires a courteous and dignified attitude towards themselves and the players. Coaches and/or parents do not engage in sexual harassment, abuse, or any other harassment.

Coaches and/or parents should develop and promote a spirit of cooperation among the baseball family, including sponsors, the community, and any person connected with the program.

Baseball is a game of fun, designed for enjoyment of youngsters, not to be a hobby for adults coaching them.

I recognize the responsibility encumbered upon me to model ethical behavior. I pledge myself to observe, practice and maintain this code of ethics. I am committed to having a constructive impact on my player (s), understanding the general health and safety components of the game, and keeping the integrity of the game. Further, I am committed to recognizing and responding to misconduct,

and to creating a safe environment for all players, coaches, parents and umpires within the game of baseball.